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**UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**  
**FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City, Mo., felons were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencings, Graves said, mark additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Maurice E. Lindsey**, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole. Lindsey was sentenced as an armed career criminal because of his prior felony convictions.

On March 9, 2004, **Lindsey** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Lindsey** admitted that he was in possession of a Arminius .357-caliber pistol on Nov. 21, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Lindsey** has two 1980 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing; two 1983 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing; a 1988 criminal felony conviction for burglary; a 1989 criminal felony conviction for tampering; a 1991 criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property; a 1996 criminal felony conviction for burglary; and two 1998 criminal felony convictions for receiving stolen property and burglary.

**Lindsey** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Hassan A. Grace**, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On March 2, 2004, **Grace** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Grace** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger .45-caliber revolver on Sept. 13, 2003. Under federal statutes, **Grace** explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Grace** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, two 1999 criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for trafficking.

**Grace** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Gregland L. Phillips**, 30, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years and 11 months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 15, 2004, **Phillips** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Phillips** admitted that he was in possession of a High-Point 9 mm rifle and a Phoenix Arms .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol on April 2, 2003. Under federal statutes, **Phillips** explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Phillips** has three 1993 criminal felony convictions for robbery, armed criminal action and sexual abuse.

**Phillips** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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